

student's guide to RESPONDING

Make yourself sound like an expert!

A Answer the question. Start your answer with part of the question.

P Proof. State evidence directly from the text that supports your answer.

E Explain the proof you quoted from the text.
Explain how this proof supports your answer to the question.

Example:

Question: What is the main ingredient in penicillin?

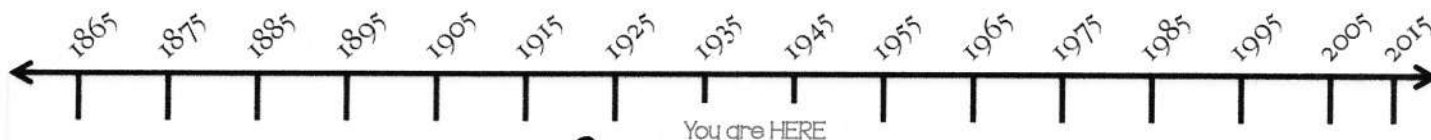
A → The main ingredient in penicillin is...

P → mold.

E → U.S. companies made large amounts of this mold and sent it to England.

Complete answer using A.P.E. :

The main ingredient in penicillin is mold. U.S. companies made large amounts of this mold and sent it to England during WWII.



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American Leaders During the War

Need to Know

What is a democracy? A type of government by the people and for the people. People are part of the decisions made. The person or group of people that are in power are elected, or chosen, by the people. The military is used to serve and protect the people.

What happened in Potsdam?

July 16, 1945, the Allied Powers met at Potsdam, Germany. This meeting would later be called the Potsdam Conference. The Allies talked about arrangements needing to be made in Europe and about what the surrender terms for Japan should be.

What does the president do as

commander in chief? One of the president's most important roles is to be the leader of the U.S. military. The president can order invasions or attacks by airplane. The president can also organize forces and troops. The president does not have the power to declare war by himself.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

COUNTRY OF RULE:

United States

ALLIANCE DURING WWII:

Allied Powers

POLITICAL APPROACH:

Democracy

DREAM JOB BEFORE POLITICS:

He wanted to be a politician!

Text



Harry S. Truman

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Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) became the president in the middle of the Great Depression in 1932. At this time, over 13,000,000 Americans were unemployed and almost every bank was closed. He proposed the New Deal to help build up the nation. As WWII started in Europe, he pledged isolationism, meaning he promised to stay out of the war. But he still supported the Allied Powers by sending supplies to them.

After the attack at Pearl Harbor in 1941, Roosevelt began preparing the nation for war. Roosevelt served as the commander in chief during the war and helped come up with strategies for invasions in Europe – including Operation Torch and D-Day. Roosevelt died on April 12, 1945, before the end of the war. His death happened less than a year after he won his fourth presidential election. He is remembered for leading the nation through one of its toughest periods.

Harry Truman was a captain during WWI. He then became a court judge, later a Senator, and finally the Vice President. When FDR died suddenly, Truman was left to pick up where FDR left off. Truman hadn't been told about many of the things going on with the war. He said he "felt like the moon, the stars, and the planets" had fallen on him. He called his first year of presidency "the year of decisions".

Truman started helping with the war going on in Europe and Japan. At Potsdam he begged Japan to surrender once more, but he was rejected. So, he made the decision to drop the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

After WWII, as matters got worse between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, Truman continued to seek world peace. Truman's presidency is remembered for his foreign policy work.

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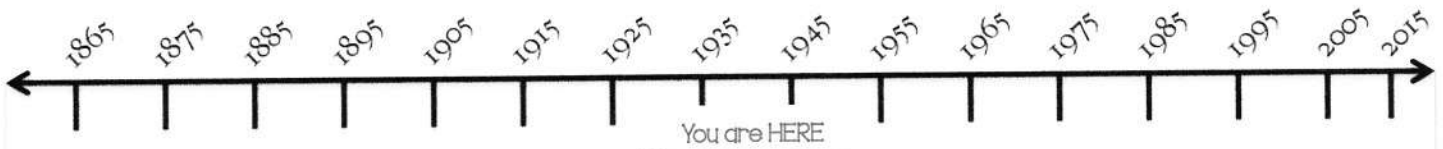
1. President Truman worked as a farmer for almost ten years when he was young. How did he move from farming to get involved in politics?

2. Both Presidents had to make very important decisions as the commanders in chief of the U.S. military. What decisions did each have to make?

3. Explain what each of the following was: Democracy, Potsdam, and Commander in Chief.

Beyond the text:

1. One president is remembered more for the things he did for the U.S. internally, or within the country. The other president is remembered more for things he did involving world matters. Describe what each president is remembered for using evidence from the text. Explain how their actions merited, or earned, these legacies.



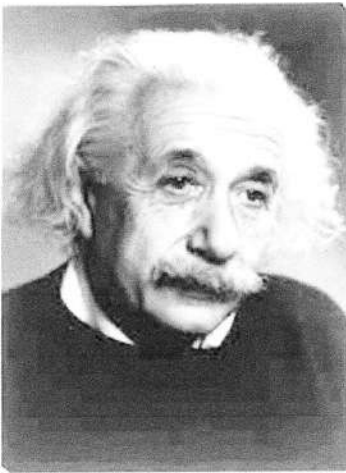
moment IN HISTORY

The Manhattan Project

Arms Race

An arms race is a competition between two or more countries to create and possess the most weapons. The arms race of WWII led to the creation of the atom bombs. This race to create new and better bombs led to government spending that built up the economy.

Heroic Jewish Scientist



In 1939, Albert Einstein was living in Germany. To get away from the persecution of the Nazi Party, Einstein fled to the U.S. He knew of Germany's secret discovery of splitting an atom, which would later lead to

the atom bomb. Einstein shared this information with the U.S. President and urged him to act.

Code Name: Manhattan Project

In late 1941, President Roosevelt started the project to design and build an atom bomb under the code name the "Manhattan Project". Einstein was not part of the process, but his friend Enrico Fermi was. Fermi had escaped Italy fled to the U.S. Fermi had helped Einstein tell Roosevelt about Germany's findings.

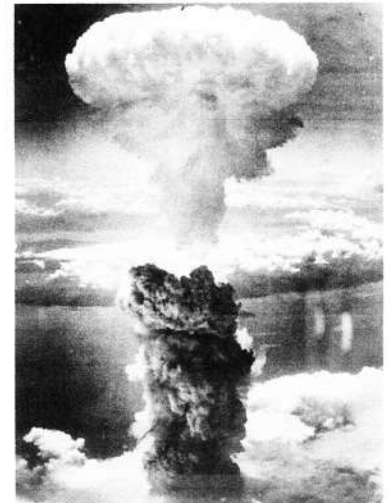
In 1942, Fermi had a breakthrough when he led a team to make the first nuclear chain reaction. This discovery got more money for the project, and it began to grow quickly. Nuclear buildings were built in many places. The main research and test location was in Los Alamos.

True Test

By 1945, the first bomb was ready to be tested. Scientists watched as the bomb made a blinding flash that could be seen for 200 miles and a mushroom cloud billowed that reached 40,000 feet high. A fake story about an ammunition dump was used to cover up the project's test. President Truman, who was in Potsdam, was informed that the bomb was ready.

Put into Use

President Truman realized Japan would not give up fighting, no matter how many of the Japanese people died. So, he made the decision that something drastic had to be done to put a stop to the war. On



August 6, 1945, an atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and five days later, on August 9, another was dropped on Nagasaki. Japan officially surrendered on August 14, 1945.

Fun Facts

- *The project ended up costing around \$2 billion
- *Over 120,000 Americans were employed by the project

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The Manhattan Project

Use the A.P.E. strategy to complete these questions.

1. Why did Einstein flee from Germany?

2. Was Einstein involved in creating the atomic bomb? How did he help?

3. The gov't. fabricated a story to cover up the test bomb's explosion. Additionally, the text mentioned that 120,000 people were employed by the project. Another fun fact about this group of employees is that most of them had no idea what they were really helping out with. Explain why you think the gov't. chose to fabricate a story and keep the workers uninformed.

Beyond the text:

1. President Truman made the decision to drop the atomic bomb on Japan because he felt he had no choice. Use evidence from the text to support this idea. Also, be sure to explain what the alternative would have been if he chose not to drop it.
